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Title: NOVEL PEPTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES
USEFUL FOR REGENERATING THE
NERVOUS SYSTEM

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the non-Final Office Action dated October 18, 2002, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The period for responding to the Office Action is initially set to expire on January 18, 2002, and with the granting of the accompanying petition and fee, the time for response is extended to March 18, 2003, and therefore this response is timely filed.

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Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please insert the following as the first paragraph of the present application: